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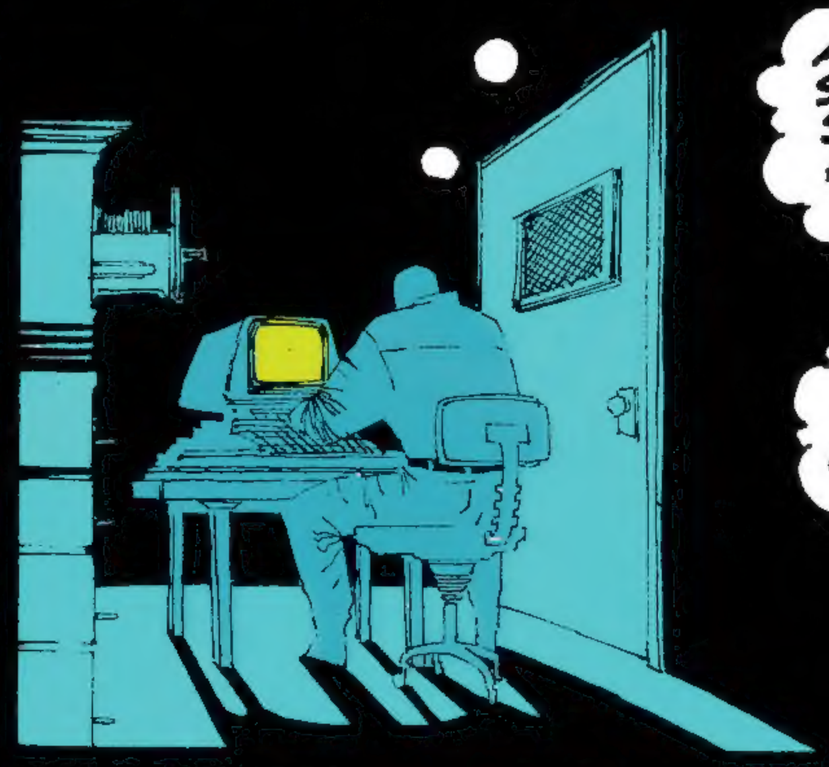
STORM WARNINGS!

PART ONE

AFTER-HOURS IN THE MORGUE...

...OF NEW YORK'S DAILY BUGLE BUILDING.



TECHNICALLY, THIS IS REALLY NONE OF PETER PARKER'S BUSINESS.

BUT THE STREET RUMORS ABOUT A.R.M.S.--ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES MUNITIONS SUPPLY--INDICATE AN AGGRESSIVE PUBLIC STRIKE OF SOME SORT SOON...

...TO LAUNCH THEIR MYSTERIOUS NEW PRODUCT INTO THE UNDERGROUND WEAPONS MARKET TRADITIONALLY MONOPOLIZED BY A.I.M.*

*ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS. --DANNY

AND THAT'S BOUND TO BECOME SPIDER-MAN'S BUSINESS.

"FILES I 'BORROWED' FROM KATE CUSHING'S INVESTIGATION POINTED ME TO THIS PAPER TRAIL OF LEGAL WEAPONS SHIPMENTS AND A SUSPICIOUS PURCHASE OF TITANIUM...

RAND RESCUES WOBBLY WEAPONS WAREHOUSES

After losing their most lucrative government contracts under the new administration's reduced defense budget, two local munitions manufacturer's were saved from bankruptcy by inventory sales to Rand Research and Development in (continues next page)

RAND DIPS INTO TITANIUM MARKET

Rand Research and Development's unprecedented purchase of a large quantity of Titanium from Titan, Inc. has reversed the downward trend of their stock (continues on page b-4)

"...THAT STOPS DEAD ON THIS PARTICULAR CORPORATE DOORSTEP."

RAND DIPS INTO TI
Rand Research a
quantity of Titaniu

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SOON AS THE HARD COPY'S *PRINTED OUT*, I CAN--

BZZZ

PETER, DOWN TO THE *CITY ROOM* ON THE *DOUBLE!*

PRINT

*AHH...*THE EVER-GLAMOROUS LIFE OF A *FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER* FOR AN INTREPID DAILY NEWSPAPER--

"--ALWAYS ON CALL."

KLK

KLK

TEK

"NO WAY TO KNOW IF THIS IS *EVERYTHING THE BUGLE* HAS GATHERED ON A.R.M.S..."

...BUT I *HEAR* THE GUY *RETURNING* SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED.

ALTHOUGH I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO *AVOID* THIS...

Stan Lee PRESENTS:

SPIDER-MAN IN "STORM WARNINGS"

PART ONE

...IRON FIST MUST NOT BE TRAPPED AGAIN!

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WHAT THE...?!

SPIDER-SENSE DIDN'T WARN ME OF ANY DANGER--

--AND THE ATTACKER LEFT MORE THAN ENOUGH *CASH* TO COVER THE DAMAGE TO THE WALL--

--BUT SOMEBODY DID A VERY *UNCOOL* THING.

EXPLAINS *WHY* I WAS *LURED* OUT OF THE ROOM BY AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION OF THE VACATIONING *JOE ROBERTSON*...

PURGE

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE OUR UNINVITED VISITOR WENT *THIS*-A-WAY--

--UNTIL MAKING A *MAJOR LEAP* TO THE NEAREST ROOF.

BUT WHOEVER IT WAS IS ALSO *FAST* ENOUGH TO BE LONG *GONE* ALREADY...

"...LEAVING *ME* IN *DEEP TROUBLE.*"

BRING

KATE...?

MS. CUSHING TO YOU AT THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT, PARKER...

...WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

ABOUT YOUR A.R.M.S. STORY-FILES...

OFF LIMITS, MISTER! I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO *BACK-UP* THOSE DISCS...

"...YOU *TOUCH* THEM AND I'LL *HAVE* YOUR *JOB!*"

"I WAS AFRAID KATE WOULD BE THE NEXT LOGICAL *TARGET* FOR THE THIEF...

"...BUT SHE WAS ACTUALLY IN A *GOOD MOOD* FOR ONCE...

...IF HER OWN *LOOSE LEAD* TO *RAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT* DOESN'T STEER ME BACK TO THOSE MISSING DISCS.

STILL, PART OF ME CAN'T HELP BUT HOPE I'M *WRONG* ABOUT THE REAL *SOURCE* OF TONIGHT'S RAID...

...BUT I'M *NEVER* THAT LUCKY.

"...ALTHOUGH MY UNSUSPECTING *CITY EDITOR* WON'T HESITATE TO *FOLLOW THROUGH* ON HER THREAT IN THE MORNING..."

"AERIAL SECURITY CAMERAS COVERED WITH WEBBING...

FIND: RAND RESEARCH. SEARCHING...

CAMERA 007

CAMERA 008

"FAINT VIBRATIONS FROM THE CEILING...

SHIFTING SHADOWS THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT...

SPIDER-MAN IS ON THE ROOF.

BUT THE TECHNOLOGY OF DANIEL RAND AND THE DISCIPLINES OF IRON FIST BOTH REQUIRE TIME TO CHART THE PATH OF DECEIT THROUGH THIS RAW DATA...

RAND RESEARCH-personnel

...AND SPIDER-MAN MERELY STUDIES ME AS I CONTEMPLATE THE NEWLY ACQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.

SO I HAVE NO CAUSE TO ACT UNTIL HE MAKES--

SKRAASH

-- AN AGGRESSIVE GESTURE!?

LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE REALLY *CONSUMED* IN *PAPERWORK*, DANNY...

...SORRY TO SEE IT *ISN'T* YOURS!

THE *A.R.M.S. FILES* MAY BELONG TO *THE DAILY BUGLE*, SPIDER-MAN...

...BUT THE *RESPONSIBILITY* IS MOST DEFINITELY *MINE!*

KLK

EMERGENCY *ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE* EFFECTIVELY *DISABLES* ALL *MECHANICAL DEVICES* IN THE ROOM, INVADER...

"...INCLUDING YOUR *BELT-LIGHT* ADVANTAGE."

AND THIS COWARDLY RESPONSE *CONFIRMS* MY WORST FEARS, RAND--!

SPIDER-SENSE *REACTING* TO DANGER BEHIND ME ALREADY--

--IRON FIST HAS GONE ROGUE!

BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL, FRIEND...

WHFF

"...I HAVE REASON TO KEEP YOU IN THE *DARK.*"

KICKING OUT THE LIGHTS GIVES FIST A DISTINCT ADVANTAGE ON THE *HOME-FIELD...*

...BY THE TIME MY SPIDER-SENSE RESPONDS TO *ONE* THREAT FROM THE SHADOWS--

--HE'S ALREADY COMING AT ME *AGAIN* FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

FIST'S CLOSE COMBAT TECHNIQUE IS TOTALLY *INSTINCTIVE*--A LIFETIME OF SKILL AND EXPERIENCE THAT ALLOWS HIM TO LITERALLY *ACT* AS FAST AS HE THINKS--

--BUT THE *PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH* AND *SPEED* OF A *RADIOACTIVE SPIDER* IS ALL THE *EQUALIZER* I EVER NEED!

WHOK

YET SPIDER-MAN IS STILL JUST A *FREAK* PRODUCT OF ACCIDENTALLY UNLEASHED *LABORATORY* SCIENCE...

...WHILE IRON FIST IS THE *CONTROLLED* RESULT OF A *NATURAL* SCIENCE OF MIND AND BODY INTENTIONALLY REFINED TO AN ART FORM.

HE EVEN *ROLLED* WITH MY BLOW-- USING THE SOFTER FURNITURE TO ABSORB MOST OF THE IMPACT--

--BUT GIVING ME AN AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THIS *OUT* TO THE MOONLIGHT.

PERFECT...

...NOW I CAN SAFELY *RESUME* THE SEARCH PROGRAMS MY VISITOR SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED EARLIER.

KLK

BUT THIS IS *NOT* OVER, SPIDER-MAN...

...YOUR UNFORTUNATE INTRUSION CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO *TAINT* RAND RESEARCH.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE *WITHOUT* THOSE A.R.M.S. DISCS, FIST...

...BUT THE *ROOFTOPS* ARE *MY* TURF.

NOT *THIS* PARTICULAR ONE, SPIDER-MAN...

...I AM SIMPLY *DEFENDING* PRIVATE PROPERTY.

WHILE *I'M* TRYING TO RECOVER *STOLEN* PROPERTY, "PAL"...

...AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN OFFERING *EXCUSES*.

...I ASK *ONLY* THAT YOU *TRUST* ME UNTIL THEN, BASED ON THE HISTORY BETWEEN US.

TWO SIDES OF THE *SAME* COIN...

BOTH WILL COME IN DUE TIME, MY FORMER ALLY...

...HAVE TO SHARE THE SAME *VALUES*, RAND.

AND I JUST *CAN'T* CONDONE YOUR ACTIONS TONIGHT WITHOUT KNOWING THE *TRUTH* BEHIND--

=UKK=

THEN I AM TRULY *SORRY*, SPIDER-MAN...

...YOU LEAVE ME *NO* REAL CHOICE.

STUPID, *STUPID*, *STUPID*...

...NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET A MAN LIKE FIST GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO *STUN* ME WITH A *NERVE-PINCH!*

LEDGE COULD CONVENIENTLY-- BUT PAINFULLY-- *BREAK* MY FALL...

...*IF* MY MUSCLES WERE STILL PARALYZED.

BUT I'M BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS *SOONER* THAN FIST COULD HAVE EXPECTED...

THWIP

...THANKS TO A *LAST-SECOND* SPIDER-SENSE WARNING ABOUT HIS OH-SO-FRIENDLY SHOULDER-GRIP BEFORE--

GONE ALREADY...!?

BUT MY RELUCTANT HOST SEEMED *DETERMINED* TO--

--*KEEP* ME HERE FOR THE DURATION!

CHK

WHERE--?!

THAT CONTAINMENT CAGE WAS ONLY MEANT TO *LURE* YOU INTO *MID-LEAP*, SPIDER-MAN...

WAM

...AND CAMOUFLAGE IS MERELY A MATTER OF LEARNING WHERE--AND WHEN--TO WAIT!

UNDERESTIMATED FIST'S UNCANNY ABILITY TO BLEND QUIETLY INTO HIS SURROUNDINGS--

SKRAAK

"--BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN."

NO!

MY CHI REMAINS UN-FOCUSED--THE POWER OF MY IRON FIST ERRATIC--SINCE MY RECENT "RESURRECTION."

AND IT MAY BE FAR TOO LATE ALREADY TO RECTIFY THE DAMAGE DONE...

VEEP VEEP

...UNLESS MY SYSTEMS HAVE FINALLY TARGETTED--

KOOM

NOT SO FAST, CHUMP...

...YOU AND I STILL HAVE SOME *UNFINISHED BUSINESS!*

CORRECTION, SPIDER-MAN...

...THIS IS *NOBODY'S* BUSINESS BUT *MINE.*

...SO IT PUTS ME IN THE *PERFECT POSITION*--

THWIP

THWIP

EXPECTED YOU TO USE MY OWN *MOMENTUM* AGAINST ME, FIST...

--TO RETURN THE FAVOR!

TWO CAN PLAY THE "THINKING WARRIOR" GAME, FIST...

SKRAASH

KRE--

THIS IS HARDLY A GAME, OLD FRIEND, BUT YOU SURELY REALIZE I NEVER MEANT TO--

"OLD FRIENDS" DON'T TOSS EACH OTHER OFF SKYSCRAPERS, DANNY-BOY...

WHOK

...OR BURY ONE ANOTHER ALIVE...

WHUK

...OR--

THE SIGN...!?

IT'S BUCKLING TOWARD THE STREET--!

--AAAK

THE BATTERED METAL'S COLLAPSE CAN BE *REDIRECTED* FROM A *PRECISE PRESSURE POINT*...

CHK

RE

AK

...SO *NO* INNOCENTS ARE ENDANGERED.

WUMP

STILL A *MASTER* OF *FINESSE*, FIST--!

WHFF

--BUT THE *GRUNT-WORK* ALWAYS *FALLS* TO ME!

SKRAASH

READY TO TALK NOW, FIST...?

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LISTEN, SPIDER-MAN...

...SINCE WE'VE JUST BURIED MY LAST HOPE OF SAVING RAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

ALL THIS TO PROTECT YOUR LOUSY COMPANY?!

TO DEFEND MY PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE-- AND THE THOUSANDS OF JOBS THEY RELY ON--

--FROM A ROGUE CONNECTION TO A.R.M.S. ONLY NOW IDENTIFIED BY THOSE BANKS OF EXPENSIVE HARDWARE...

...UNDER THE WRECKAGE OF MY OFFICE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE...?

I HAPPEN TO UNDERSTAND A THING OR TWO ABOUT COMPUTERS MYSELF, YOU KNOW.

IN THE WAKE OF MY PROLONGED... ABSENCE-- AND THE CHAOS IT WROUGHT BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT--

--EVEN A LONE BAD APPLE LINKING RAND TO AN ORGANIZATION LIKE ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES MUNITIONS SUPPLY IS AN OPEN SCANDAL WE COULD NEVER SURVIVE.

REALLY *APPRECI-ATE* YOUR FAITH IN ME, BUDDY...

YOU HAVE A PARTICULARLY UNIQUE *KNACK* FOR *ATTRACT-ING PUBLICITY*, SPIDER-MAN-- ALMOST AS IF YOU BRING IT UPON YOURSELF INTENTIONALLY--

--AND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO TAKE *RISKS* WITH OTHERS' LIVELIHOODS.

SKRTCH

DECISION'S *OUT* OF YOUR HANDS NOW, DANNY...

...WE'LL NEED *EACH OTHER* TO RECOVER ANY LOST DATA FROM THIS *SCRAP HEAP.*

I CAN DIRECT MAKESHIFT REPAIRS...

...THAT WILL REQUIRE YOUR *DELICATE TOUCH* AT THIS AWK-WARD ANGLE.

IF YOU CAN *AVOID* THAT *EXPOSED POWER-CABLE* ABOVE... WHILE *SPLICING* THOSE FOUR *SILVER BACK-UP CIRCUITS* ON THE LEFT... TO THE *THIRD* MEMORY BOARD UNDERNEATH...

...IT MIGHT JUST *DE-MAGNETIZE* THE LAST ACTIVE PROGRAM LONG ENOUGH TO--

DR. DAVID CHOOOSH/
STUDY ANALYST
(logged in)
DIVISION: CYBER-TECH LABORATORIES
SUPERVISOR: DR. BYRON BOHR
(logged out: indefinite sick)
PROJECT STATUS: (temporarily suspended)
PROJECT PURCHACES: +39%

TRACE SEQUENCE CROSS-CHECKED INCREASING AGAINST DECREASING PRODUCTION TO FIND THE *SOURCE* OF THE *SUSPICIOUS PURCHASES* SPOTLIGHTED BY *THE BUGLE*...

...POINTING RIGHT TO THE *SNAKE* IN OUR *MIDST.*

NOT EXACTLY *PROOF* OF INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE, FIST...

...BUT DR. DAVID IS CERTAINLY *BURNING* HIS CANDLE AT *BOTH ENDS.*

DESPITE A DISTINCT *LACK* OF OFFICIAL ASSIGN-MENT...

...MY QUARRY'S OPERATING OUT OF ONE OF THE *SUB-BASEMENT LABS* IN THIS VERY COMPLEX.

TEK

"*OUR*" QUARRY, FIST...

...I'M *IN* THIS TO THE BITTER EN--

NO...

...*CLEAR* THE *ELEVATOR!*

SLAM

SNP

ADMIRABLE *INSTINCTS,* SPIDER-MAN...

...OUR PREY HAS LIKELY SABOTAGED *ALL* THE *NORMAL* ROUTES TO HIS NEST...

...JUST AS HE'S CAUSED THE ELEVATOR CABLE TO *SNAP...!*

STOOM

BUT THIS *ENTIRE* STRUCTURE WAS BUILT...

KRICH

...TO MY SPECIFICATIONS.

REGISTER INDICATED THAT CHODOSH IS CURRENTLY *ACCESSING* THE SAME SYSTEM THAT JUST INCRIMINATED HIM.

DO YOU *STILL* DOUBT HIS GUILT?

ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF MY *CHARMS*, PAL...

...BUT *YOU'RE* SPORTING A WHOLE NEW *EDGE* THESE DAYS.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD *CLIMB* BACK FOR ME, SPIDER-MAN--

-- *OVER* AND *THROUGH* PEOPLE WHO CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO BE A PART OF MY LIFE--

--JUST TO REACH THIS POINT.

TITANIUM PLATING OVER AN AIR DUCT DOES SUGGEST SOMETHING TO HIDE, FIST...

NOT IN MY BUILDING...

...NOT WHILE DANIEL RAND *COMMANDS* THE *POWER* OF *IRON FIST!*

KA-ROOM

CHODOSH!?

THE NAME IS PLATOON, GENTLEMEN...

...NOW THAT I'M DRESSED TO KILL!

WHEN WILL I LEARN...?

NEXT-- SPIDER-MAN AND IRON FIST VS. THE AWESOME ARSENAL OF PLATOON HIGH ATOP THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE! AND A.R.M.S. MAKES ITS MOVE ON A HELPLESS NEW YORK CITY...!